

## REMARKS

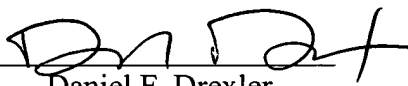
Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendments which generally conform the specification, claims and abstract to U.S. practice. With specific regard to the claims, numbers 1-23 are herein rewritten in revised format.

No new matter is being introduced by this amendment as antecedent support is set forth in the original specification and original claims.

Prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

If there are any charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account no. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' attorneys.

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